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SUFFOLK-NANSEMOND
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Directory of local Info.
Suffolk-Nansemond merger

OFFICIAL MERGER CEREMONY

SUFFOLK and NANSEMOND



January 2, 1974

SUFFOLK MUNICIPAL CENTER
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA

NANSEMOND was formed in 1637 as Upper Norfolk County but was renamed in 1646 for the Indian tribe in the area. The name means "fishing point or angle."

By referendum in 1971 the County of Nansemond consolidated with the towns of Holland and Whaleyville to become the City of Nansemond on July 1, 1972.

SUFFOLK was established by an act of the House of Burgesses in 1742. The City was named by Governor William Gooch of Suffolk, England.

The first election for Mayor and Council was authorized May, 1858. Suffolk incorporated as a city of the second class in 1910 and became a city of the first class in 1940. Suffolk adopted the council-manager form of government in 1910.

NOVEMBER 7, 1972, the citizens of Suffolk and Nansemond voted to consolidate effective January 1, 1974.

The citizens of Nansemond voted 6,698 to 2,545 in favor of consolidation. The citizens of Suffolk voted 2,443 to 380 in favor of consolidation.

It was decided the name of the new city would be Suffolk. Suffolk is now 430 square miles, making it the largest city in Virginia and the fourth largest in the country.



The new city seal which appears on the cover of your Official Souvenir Program is the result of a contest sponsored by the combined city councils. A committee composed of two citizens from Suffolk and two from Nansemond were selected to consider the entries.

The winner was one of nine designs submitted for consideration. It was designed by Mr. Herbert Briggs, a resident of the Suffolk area.

The seal is reflective of the dominant themes of current life in the new city, skillfully blended with reminders of a long and proud history of both Suffolk and Nansemond.

PROGRAM

Interlude -----All City Band

Welcome -----Major T. Benton
Executive Secretary,
Suffolk Chamber of Commerce

Invocation -----Rev. Donald J. Dunlap
Pastor, West End
Baptist Church

Introduction of Guests -----Major T. Benton

Introduction of Speaker -----Major T. Benton

Remarks -----Hon. Mills E. Godwin
Governor of Virginia

Musical Selection -----All City Band

Official Merger Ceremony -----Mayor James F. Hope
Mayor D. J. Mangum, Jr.

National Anthem -----All City Band

Benediction -----Rev. Isaac E. Williams
Pastor, First Baptist Church